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It is reported that conferences on a possible re-shuffle of the East German government took place prior to the riots of 16-17 June in East Berlin. The discussion is said to have involved the replacement of Minister President Otto Grotewohl by Professor Hermann Kastner (LDP).¹

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Comment: The choice of Kastner would be consistent with previous indications that Kastner was on fairly good terms with the new High Commissioner, Ambassador V.S. Semenov, Kastner would be suited to the outwardly conciliatory course which is supposed to be identified with Semenov.

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